

Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) E15 Remarks

I am thrilled to welcome everyone here to announce the next steps my administration is taking to UNLOCK AMERICAN ENERGY and SUPPORT OUR GREAT AMERICAN FARMERS.

I would like to begin by thanking Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, and Acting Administrator of the EPA, Andrew Wheeler, for their devotion to our farmers.

I also want to thank the Members of Congress here today – Senators Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst, and Deb Fischer, along with Congressman David Young.

During my campaign for President, I pledged that we would end the War on American Energy and achieve American energy independence.

I approved the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines, canceled the illegal, anti-coal so-called Clean Power Plan, and withdrew the United States from the job-killing Paris Climate Accord.

The United States is now the No. 1 crude oil and clean coal producer in the world. We are producing more oil today than at any other time in American history.

Today I am announcing additional actions to support American energy independence. I have directed the EPA to initiate a rulemaking to allow higher blends of ethanol, including year-round E15.

Allowing higher blends of ethanol is good for American energy and good for American farmers. It will increase consumer choice and limit unnecessary costs to our nation's retailers.

With today's announcement, we are ensuring ethanol's rightful place in this new era of AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE. Thank you.